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SUBJ: UNCTAD - DEBT ISSUE AND COREA VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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1. WE ASKED SYG COREA ABOUT PLANS FOR DEBT EXPERTS MEETING, NOTING THAT DECEMBER 20 UN CALENDAR INDICATED MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 14-25, WHILE RECENT UNCTAD LISTING OF MEETINGS INDICATED DATE FOR THAT MEETING STILL TO BE DETERMINED. (BOTH DOCUMENTS TRANSMITTED DEPT PREEG AND BRUCE,) WE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT US AND OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES CONTINUE HOLD THAT TBD MINISTERIAL MEETING, WHICH WOULD INTER ALIA TAKE UP DEBT ISSUE AS DEFINED IN RESOLUTION 94(IV), SHOULD BE HELD IN LATTER HALF OF 1977. PARTICULARLY SINCE DEBT EXPERTS MEETING IS ONE OF PREPARATIONS FOR THAT, IT WOULD SEEM PREMATURE TO HOLD EXPERTS MEETING IN MARCH.

2. ON TIMING OF EXPERTS, HE STATED (AFTER CHECKING WITH HIS FINANCIAL DEPUTY ARSENIS) THAT MARCH DATE HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN ENVISAGED IN CONJUNCTION WITH PLAN FOR MAY TDB MINISTERIAL. HE SAID HE NOW TENDING AGREE WITH GROUP B ON TIMING, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW CIEC CONTINUATION INTO 1977. HOWEVER, A PROBLEM FOR HIM WAS HOW RELATE TBD MINISTERIAL TIMING WITH RESUMED UNGA ON NORTH-SOUTH

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RELATIONS. IN ANY CASE, UNCTAD NOT NOW PLANNING HOLD DEBT EXPERTS MEETING IN MARCH.

3. MISSION CONSIDERS COREA'S PLANNED VISIT WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 16-18 WILL GIVE USEFUL OCCASION FOR DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN US OFFICIALS AND COREA CONCERNING TDB MINISTERIAL AND OTHER UNCTAD AND NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES. IN CONNECTION

WITH HIS REQUEST SEE SECRETARY VANCE (REFTEL) WE
POINTED OUT ANNOUNCEMENT OF VANCE TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST
AT THAT TIME. COREA CONTINUES HOPE CALL ON SECRETARY
BLUMENTHAL AND ASST SEC MAYNES. HE ADDED THAT JAMES
GRANT, PRESIDENT OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, HAD
PROPOSED TRY ORGANIZE LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 17 WITH KEY US
FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY OFFICIALS, SUCH AS UNDERSECRETARY
COOPER, UNDERSECRETARY SOLOMON, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY
BERGSTEN. COREA SAID HE WOULD OF COURSE ALSO BE
PLEASED MEET WITH SUCH OFFICIALS AT THEIR OFFICES. MISSION
RECOMMENDS ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
WHATEVER GRANT MAY BE PLANNING. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE DESIRABLE THAT IN ADDITION TO POSSIBLE LUNCHEON
DISCUSSIONS, THERE BE MORE FORMAL MEETINGS IN OFFICES BETWEEN
COREA AND UNDERSECRETARY COOPER/ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ AT STATE
AND TOP TREASURY OFFICIALS.CATTO

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